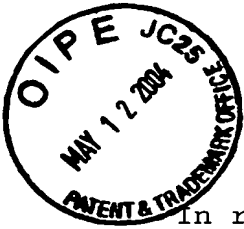


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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 27, 2004, the Applicants respond to the Restriction Requirement by electing the invention of Group II, claim 14, with traverse.

In the Office Action, the Examiner noted that claims 12 and 15 link the inventions and will be examined with the claim of the elected invention.

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